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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

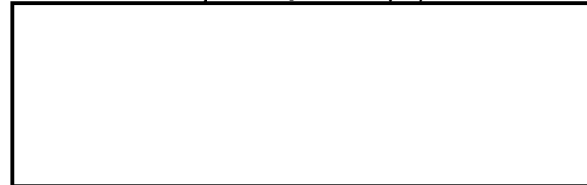
THROUGH : National Intelligence Officer for Warning

FROM : 25X1
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SUBJECT : Warning Report: Sub-Saharan Africa 25X1

1. Action Requested: None; the attached report is for your information. 25X1

2. Background: Community representatives and specialists met on 20 July 1982 with the A/NIO/AF as chairman. The attached report has not been coordinated with the other participants, but is being circulated to them. If they feel their views have been misinterpreted, or if they have significant additional concerns, I'll report further to you. 25X1



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WARNING REPORT: SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA

The tempo of fighting picked up somewhat this week along the Ethiopian/Somali border. There was general agreement among Community analysts that although the Ethiopians may have had a number of motives for initiating the current round of hostilities, a central theme seems to be that they perceived Siad's position as weakening and believed that by stimulating unrest in Somalia support for Siad would erode and the Somali president would fall. One recent report suggests Siad's support within the military is beginning to erode. [] 25X1

Unless the Somalis organize their forces and offer enough resistance to make it costly for the Ethiopians, analysts expect the fighting to continue. Consequently, Siad's requests to the US for aid are likely to increase. The prospect for meaningful aid from other donors is not bright. [] 25X1

OAU SUMMIT

There appears little chance that the annual OAU meeting will not take place as scheduled. Some 35 OAU members are on record as intending to travel to Tripoli for the session, one more than the required quorum for holding the summit. Egypt, which will not attend because of its own relations with Libya, is urging moderate Africans not to boycott in hope of preventing radical domination of the conference. The Polisario is still saying it will attend, although Qadhafi wants them to stay away to avoid any controversy that would tarnish his image as host. In reaction to the US airlift of military equipment that is due to arrive shortly in Somalia, Ethiopia may try to use the session to attack the US for its activities in the Horn and elsewhere in Africa. US use of Diego Garcia may also be an easy issue for the radicals to exploit. [] 25X1

MAURITIUS

The new government has been acting cautiously and feeling its way along since its sweeping electoral victory. Its policy on foreign ship visits has not yet been finalized, but it seems virtually certain that US access will end. The French will be allowed access because of their special relationship with the island of Reunion. Thus far the new government has resisted Soviet blandishments that are intended to ensure Soviet ship visits. [] 25X1

MOZAMBIQUE

President Machel remains in a shaky position. [] 25X1
could fall in the next 3-6 months and that Foreign Minister Chissano [] 25X1

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[redacted] is the one to watch as a strong 25X1
candidate for Machel's position. Recent Soviet military equipment shipments
to Mozambique indicate Moscow's intent in preserving the present regime and
extending Soviet influence. [redacted] 25X1

SUDAN

Several hundred Ethiopian-trained dissidents are now operating in
southern Sudan. Any successful anti-regime activity in the south, the scene
of a civil war that lasted from 1955 until Nimeri brought the war to a close
in 1972, will further strain Sudan's already limited economic and military
resources. The economic situation in Sudan is worsening and requests for US
assistance are likely to increase. [redacted] 25X1

GHANA

The political scene in Ghana is marked by sharpening conflict between
radicals and moderates in the Rawlings regime. Reports of coup plotting are
increasing and the prospects of the regime achieving a semblance of political
stability are worsening. [redacted] 25X1

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